

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
April 15, 2008**



**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Lio Francisco, Julie Frazier, Ray Gamma, Jerry Marsalli, Cynthia Owens, Chuck Seymour.

**STAFF PRESENT:** George Friedenbach, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation

**STAFF ABSENT:** Steve Lee (excused)

**GUESTS:** Katia Kamangan – Summerhill Homes  
Kevin Ebrahimi – Summerhill Homes  
Bill Sona - HMH Landscape Architecture  
Catherine Thieme - HMH Landscape Architecture  
Daphne Muehle, Eva Mortensa, Hintt Engineers

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**MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Recommendation that City Council authorize the City Manager to prepare a feasibility study to bring the International Swimming Hall of Fame to Santa Clara.

Recommendation to Council the approval of the proposed master plan with the addition of pathway lighting to be included in the Summerhill Homes development on the former BAREC site.

Recommendation to City Council the wavier of fees for the Summer Fling in Beijing exhibition to be presented by the Santa Clara Aquamaids.

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Lio Francisco at 7:00 p.m.
  - II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 18, 2008** – Commissioner Owens requested a correction to the minutes to include acknowledgement of her participation in the I.S.C. consortium fundraising committee and to include reporting about the committee activities as a commission agenda item.
  - III. **SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – The Commission reviewed City Council actions pertaining to Parks and Recreation.
  - IV. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION** – The Commission reviewed the following: Letter of contribution from Hewlett-Packard Company Foundation, and announcement of Courageous Communities Conversations program.
  - V. **COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS** – Commissioner Marsalli reported on the Tony Sanchez Field Dedication, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunrise Service, and complemented staff for the condition of fields at the Fatjo Sports Complex and for the staff help with the PAL softball program.

Commissioner Frazier reported on the Easter Egg Hunt, Tony Sanchez Field Dedication, and the Camellia Show where her entry received honorable mention.

Commissioner Gamma reported on the Dog Park, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunrise Service, Santa Clara University library dedication and Open House and participation in Habitat for Humanity.

Commissioner Owens reported on the Easter Egg Hunt and the Leadership Santa Clara class.

Commissioner Seymour reported on visits to the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, Central Park, the Dog Park, and complimented staff about park conditions.

Commissioner Francisco reported on the Dog Park, Tony Sanchez Field Dedication, visits of students and delegations from Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan, and the Mercury News article about creek trails in the south bay.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Art and Wine Festival

1. Artist applications update – George Friedenbach reported on status of artist applications.
2. Commission reviewed and accepted the recommendation to increase the quantity of beer and wine glasses to be purchased by 200 each and the price estimate of \$11,443 for glasses. Yvette Sessions will be bringing sample glasses to the May meeting.

### B. Program Report -

1. George Friedenbach reviewed Summer Guide which will be available on April 16<sup>th</sup> and registration to start on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### C. Project Update - George Friedenbach reported on status of current projects.

Commissioner Owens reported on the activities of the I.S.C. Fundraising Committee and reviewed the discussions of the International Swimming Hall of Fame being located in Santa Clara.

Daphine Muehle and Eva Mortensa addressed the Commission in support of a proposal to develop a feasibility study to locate the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Santa Clara.

A motion was made by Commissioner Owens and seconded by Commissioner Seymour and approved by the Commission, to recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to have staff prepare a feasibility study to bring the International Swimming Hall of Fame to Santa Clara.

### D. Park Fees – George Friedenbach reviewed status of work and confirmed staff proposal would be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, as recommended by Commission.

### E. Dog Park – George Friedenbach reviewed options to expand small dog area. No action was taken as representatives from the public were not at the meeting.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Summerhill Homes – Former BAREC site development park master plan.

Katia Hamangan and Bill Sona, reviewed the proposed master plan for the park site to be included in the Summerhill Homes development on the former BAREC site. Commission reviewed proposal and requested park pathway lighting and referred additional comments about barbeques and tree sizes to staff.

A motion by Commissioner Marsalli and seconded by Commissioner Owens and approved by Commission to recommend to Council the approval of the proposed master plan with the addition of pathway lighting to be included in the Summerhill Homes development on the former BAREC site.

- B. Santa Clara Aquamaids – Request of wavier of fees for Summer Fling in Beijing exhibition, Commission reviewed written request from Aquamaids.

A motion by Commissioner Marsalli and seconded by Commissioner Seymour and approved by Commission, to recommend to City Council the wavier of fees for the Summer Fling in Beijing exhibition to be presented by the Santa Clara Aquamaids.

VIII. CONFERENCE REPORTS – None.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None.

- X. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting, May 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:

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